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In re Application of

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Application No. 09/530,693

ON PETITION

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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed November 12, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

## The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Restriction mailed December 4, 2001, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of one (1) month. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on January 5, 2002.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Accordingly, since the \$1005 extension of time submitted with the petition on November 12, 2003 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1653.

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